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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 3, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting cotton and soybeans and planting wheat. Soil moisture conditions were rated 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 36 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	85	78	92	84	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Harvested	100	99	100	99	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Shedding Leaves	99	97	100	98	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	85	76	77	72	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	71	53	77	63	1	1	44	54	0
	Emerged	56	26	53	43	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	84	77	85	89	0	8	42	49	1
Pecans	Harvested	42	39	26	27	0	4	18	70	8
Peanuts	Harvested	100	99	100	99	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	4	19	64	12
Pasture						4	14	37	38	7

County Agent Comments

"Harvesting continues between rain showers, however, growers still need another week of good harvesting conditions."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"Wet weather has delayed all harvest activities. Cotton and sweetpotato harvest started back up Thursday. Sweetpotato producers are racing to beat potential cold damage. If rain holds off they should complete sweetpotato harvest in about a week. Producers are reporting average cotton yields and outstanding potato yields."

— Ricky Ferguson, Pontotoc County

"Rain continues to delay harvesting. Cool season forage crops are looking better. Hay feeding has begun where pastures are short. Some soybean fields are yielding in the 60 bushel range."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Rains have slowed completion of final harvest. Hay harvest is complete for this year. Ryegrass and fescue are responding well to recent rains."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"Cool season grazing is beginning to look better. Row crop farmers are trying to finish harvesting."

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah County

"We received more rain last week. It was a welcomed sight to producers with winter grazing. Virtually all cotton and soybeans have been harvested; however, yield data is incomplete at this time."

— Victor Lee, Newton County

"Rains continue to delay harvest over most of the county. Cotton and soybean yields look good overall. In some areas cotton bolls are failing to open."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

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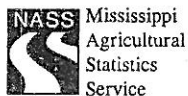
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Weather Summary from October 27, 1997 to November 2, 1997 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	77	34											
Cleveland	71	34	52			1.23		2	5.20				
Tunica	68	35	52	59	-7	0.55	-0.13	3	5.49	64	49	55	
Extreme/Average	77	34	52	59	-7	0.89	+0.21	3	5.35	64	49	55	
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	70	27	50	56	-6	0.61	-0.06	1	3.47	65	47	56	0.11
Memphis	69	36	54	60	-7	0.38	-0.27	2	4.44				
Oxford	74	30	51	58	-6	1.11	+0.52	2	4.89				
Extreme/Average	74	27	52	58	-7	0.70	+0.06	2	4.27	65	47	56	0.11
3. Northeast													
Booneville	69	32	50	58	-8	0.55	-0.18	1	3.83				
Corinth	73	31	53	59	-6	0.42	-0.18	2	4.86				
Juka	68	27	47			0.42		1	1.66				
Pontotoc	73	30	51	59	-8	1.17	+0.54	2	5.46	68	47	57	0.14
Tupelo	70	32	51	59	-8	0.99	+0.29	2	5.75				
Verona	73	32	52			1.65		2	6.41	67	47	57	0.15
Extreme/Average	73	27	51	59	-8	0.87	+0.20	2	4.66	68	47	57	0.15
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	75	34	56	61	-5	1.20	+0.43	1	4.21				
Greenwood	73	32	53	62	-9	0.67	+0.07	3	3.41				
Rolling Fork	75	33	54			0.67	-0.23	3	4.39	73	57	65	
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	76	33	53	62	-9	0.58	-0.23	2	3.57				
Extreme/Average	76	32	54	61	-8	0.78	+0.01	2	3.90	73	57	65	
5. Central													
Carthage	73	36	47	60	-13	0.02	-0.70	1	3.29				
Jackson	74	37	55	61	-7	0.27	-0.34	3	4.51				
Winona													
Extreme/Average	74	36	51	61	-0	0.15	-0.52	2	3.90				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.84	+0.28	1	3.99				
Columbus	72	36	53			0.59		4	7.59				
State University	79	41	61	60	+1	0.05	-0.48	1	4.93	71	49	57	
Extreme/Average	79	36	57	60	-3	0.49	-0.06	2	5.50	71	49	57	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	76	39	56			0.11		2	5.03	74	51	62	
Natchez	77	35	56	63	-7	0.14	-0.67	1	5.29				
Oakley	76	29	52			0.25	-0.47	2	4.59	69	50	59	
Vicksburg	72	36	50			0.16		2	4.29				
Extreme/Average	77	29	54	63	-0	0.17	-0.60	2	4.80	74	50	61	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	80	42	57	63	-6	0.16	-0.69	2	3.14				
McComb	79	40	57	63	-6	1.79	+0.92	3	5.23				
Extreme/Average	80	40	57	63	-6	0.98	+0.12	3	4.19				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	79	41	58	63	-5	0.35	-0.40	2	3.98				
Laurel													
Meridian	73	38	54	61	-7	0.57	-0.13	2	4.14				
Newton	73	38	55	60	-5	0.40	-0.27	3	5.75	67	49	56	0.07
Extreme/Average	79	38	55	61	-6	0.44	-0.27	2	4.62	67	49	56	0.07
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	76	33	56			1.10		2	3.59				
Biloxi	79	43	61			0.69		2	3.40				
Gulfport						0.00	-1.12	0	0.00				
Pascagoula	79	36	61	66	-6	1.25	-0.01	3	7.22				
Poplarville	75	32	57	65	-8	0.42	-0.57	1	4.50	74	58	65	0.14
Extreme/Average	79	32	59	66	-7	0.87	-0.26	2	4.68	74	58	65	0.14
State	80	27	54	61	-7	0.63	-0.12	2	4.59	74	47	59	0.12

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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